



## Michael Steven Gatewood

March 12, 1963 - March 14, 2021

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On Sunday, March 14, 2021, Michael Steven Gatewood, surrounded by his loving family, received his angel wings.

Born March 12, in Fort Lauderdale, FL, he was the son of Sandra Stanley Tomlinson and the late Ronald Floyd Gatewood.

Michael loved photography, Jeeps, being outdoors, skateboarding, the water, traveling, and extreme sports. He was a true movie and music enthusiast as well as an amazing and creative artist. Michael could draw anything to perfection. Michael was a proud brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He loved his loyal furry companion, Hannah. Michael will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and son. There was no greater love than the love he had for his two sons. "Hey Boys" was his special greeting for them. Michael always told them he loved them because there could never be too many I LOVE YOU'S. He will be in our hearts and memories forever.

Along with his father, Michael was predeceased by a brother, Ryan Tomlinson and his mother-in-law, Vivian White.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife of 36 years, Janis Gatewood;

two sons, Greylan Gatewood and Cayden Gatewood; a brother, Brent Gatewood (Mike) of Mannheim, Germany; a niece, Shellie Gibson; and a nephew, Will White (Heather); and other extended family.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the NICU and CVICU staff of Grand Strand Regional Medical Center for the great care and compassion they showed Michael and his family.

“What A Great Ride!”

A private Celebration of Life will be held in his honor and remembrance.

Memorials may be made to the America Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023 Merrifield, Va 22116-7023 or <https://diabetes.org/>

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *my condolences to the family. sincerely, Gail Lilly Todd, Conway, SC*

**Gil Lilly Todd** - March 22, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Janice, my deepest sympathy to you and your boys!!! Saw this on Facebook but did not have a number or address to get in touch with you*

**Brenda Little** - March 19, 2021 at 09:39 AM

BQ

“ *Janice, our thoughts and prayers are with you, your sons, and other family members during this difficult time.*



**Billy and Sherry Quick** - March 17, 2021 at 09:35 PM

KM

“ *I traveled and trained with Michael early in my career. He was such a funny, caring, and passionate human being. He taught me how to be fierce defender for the people I love. It was nothing for him to fight on my behalf whenever he felt I was being mistreated. The day I told him I was giving up creative software courses his response was, “Now I don’t have anyone to train with that I like.” It was tough to hear because we knew our paths were diverging. He was such an awesome friend and human being. May his spirit live on through his sons. My condolences to all of Michael’s friends and family.*



**Kyle McCloud** - March 16, 2021 at 03:32 PM

PD

“ My heart sunk when I got the news. My sympathies to Janis and the boys. He was such a good friend of mine during our few short years at Coastal. We pledged Sig Ep together and had so many great memories. He'd spend his last dollar with me at The Afterdeck, Studebakers or The Kettle at 2 am. That's the kind of guy he is. We delivered a lot of Yellowpage Phonebooks together. Good times. Although my kids never met him (the years separate us), they knew him through our stories. I hope to be with him again one day in the place where there is no suffering or pain, and tears are that of joy and laughter.  
Rest in Peace, my friend.  
Pat D'Anna

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**Pat D'Anna** - March 16, 2021 at 03:17 PM



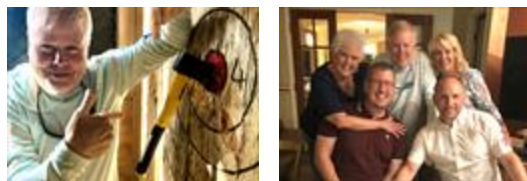
“ So so many great laughs and fun we had as Coastal as brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. May God's grace be with you all now, knowing that Michael is at peace and without pain.  
The Brakefield's

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**Steve Brakefield** - March 16, 2021 at 01:05 PM

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“ I am thankful to have been able to reconnect with Mike. Reunited in his passing with our brother, much earlier than ever anticipated, he will continue to live on in his sons and our memories. To him, I wish you Mike an amazing adventure on the next leg of your journey.



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**Brent Gatewood** - March 16, 2021 at 11:55 AM